

**FAX COVER LETTER**

**To:** Attorney General John Ashcroft **Fax No.** 1-202-616-9937

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**Re:** Microsoft & DOJ Settlement

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See attached letter.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This is to give our support to the antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. This antitrust suit has gone on for far too long, crippling our economy and holding our country back from further innovation in the technology industry. Furthermore, I do not believe the government should have been brought into what is competition between technology companies. Microsoft became the dominant force in computer software, creating the first compatible software programs. Before Bill Gates nothing worked, nothing was compatible. Through hard work and creativity, Bill Gates met the needs of consumers. The company became successful because of this, and unfortunately, created a lot of jealousy with other firms, who were unable to compete. This was the real cause behind the antitrust suit against Microsoft.

The case has been settled. Even the federal judge wanted to see an end to it, ordering round-the-clock dialogue. Microsoft has agreed to a uniform price list, and to design future versions of Windows with a way to make it easier for computer makers to promote non-Microsoft software such as different startup screens; Microsoft has also agreed to help companies reach a greater degree of reliability with regard to their competing networking software. The company has gone the extra mile to end this case and satisfy the demands of the Department of Justice. We think we should honor that decision.

We urge you to give your support to this agreement and not give in to the pettiness of those whose only concern seems to be the destruction of Microsoft.

Sincerely,

*Rodger Carpenter + Carol Carpenter*  
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